(d) what steps are being taken by Government to clear the said proposal of the Punjab State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Two proposals for construction of Yatri Niwases at Gulberga and Dharward have recently been received from the State Government of Karnataka.

(b) No proposal has been received from the State of Punjab for central assistance for the year 1994-95.

(c) and (d) do not arise.

Expert Committee on Aviation Sector

3100. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has gone into the capacity required in the aviation sector in India;

(b) when this Expert committee submitted its report;

(c) whether it is a fact that this Committee advised against the acquisition of any more planes for Indian Airlines; and

(d) what recommendations of this Expert Committee have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Expert Committee submitted its report in March, 1994.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The various aspects of the report are being examined by the operators and regulatory authorities.

Cheffair air Catering Services

3101. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the employees of the Cheffair Air Catering Services, a unit of the Hotel Corporation of India are agitating since long;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Union Leaders are on relay hunger strike since long;

(c) if so, what are their demands;

(d) whether it is a fact that the pay and perks of the officers have been increased manifold whereas the employees have not been given due increase; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in the matter so that the unit's work does not suffer and the unit start earning more profits?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Union Category employees of Cheffair flight kitchen, Delhi which is a unit of Hotel Corporation of India had been agitating for wage raise since 31.5.1994. the Union wanted a wage rise of the order of Rs. 400 /- p.m. This could not be agreed to by the management. Therefore, the employees were on agitation.

Wage increases to employees in Public Sector are negotiated on the basis of the guidelines of the DPE and there is no direct linkage between the pay revision for Officer category and Union category employees.

It has been reported that the agitating employees have since agreed to a wage settlement after further negotiations with the Management.

Aircraft with Indian Airlines

3102. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: